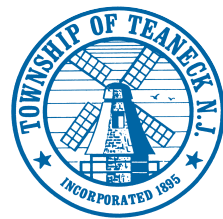


Teaneck Topics



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ENHANCED TOWNSHIP WEBSITE LAUNCHED

It's never been easier to sign up for safety alerts, contact the Township or search Township information online!

By registering online at www.teanecknj.gov you will receive notification in the event of a local, State-wide or national emergency.

Once registered, Teaneck residents will receive immediate alert notices from the Township Police Department, Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management as well as information bulletins from the Township's Administration. Every resi-

dent will be notified via a reverse 9-1-1 system (telephone) in case of an emergency. Notifications via SMA text messaging, e-mail and through the web requires pre-registration.

In addition to receiving alerts and other important notices via email, residents can access Township files, forms, publications, community calendar and submit Municipal Service Requests using this new website. Please visit Teaneck Township Online at www.teanecknj.gov today!

UNITY DAY - June 22, 2008 - Votee Park

The effort of a volunteer group of Teaneck residents with support from many local organizations and the Township of Teaneck will offer the Teaneck community a day of fun and exciting family activities, opportunities to meet and greet friends and neighbors, shop in a Teaneck "bazaar," and pick up information about many of our local non-profit resources.

From noon to 8:00 pm on Sunday, June 22 at Votee Park and the Richard Rodda Center, residents can enjoy local entertainment, rides and games, a shopping bazaar of Teaneck vendors, ethnic foods and lively interactive workshops and programs, as well as community information fair.

This just in! "*Piaf: Love Conquers All*", the **Teaneck Festival of the Arts** (TFOA) production of the acclaimed one woman show, straight from Broadway, will be presented at the Garage Theatre in residence at FDU's Becton Theatre on June 21st at 8 pm and June 22nd at 2 pm in conjunction with Unity Day. For tickets or more information about TFOA call 201-836-0114.

Don't want to miss any Unity Day news? Care to receive updates and reminders via e-mail, need additional information? Forward your name and e-mail address to Angela Wilkerson at teaneckunityday@gmail.com.

TFOA and Unity days are projects of the Puffin Foundation

DOG AND CAT LICENSE FEE INFORMATION – The fees for the licensing of dogs and cats in Teaneck increased beginning on November 1, 2007. The new fees are \$10 for a spayed or neutered dog or cat and \$13 for those non-spayed or non-neutered. The increases are the first since 1978 for dogs and 1996 for cats. Aside from the mandatory portion of the license fees collected by the State, all of the monies are allocated toward payment of the animal control contract with Bergen County.

THE DEPOT IS CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS: July 4, 2008 - Independence Day; September 1, 2008 - Labor Day; October 13, 2008 - Columbus Day; November 27, 2008 - Thanksgiving Day; December 25, 2008 - Christmas Day.

A GUIDE TO HEALTHY HABITS FOR CLEANER WATER

Pollution on street, parking lots, and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies, as well as the ocean and lakes. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings - you name it and it ends up in our water!

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that is why we are doing something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it is dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful, and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies, including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinance prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines and other penalties.

As a resident, business owner, or other member of Teaneck, it is important to know these easy things you can do everyday to help protect our water:

Limit your use of fertilizer and pesticides.

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products.

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- In the event of a hazardous material spill, contact the Teaneck Fire Department at (201) 837-2085.

Keep pollution out of storm drains.

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Do not feed wildlife.

- Do not feed wildlife, such as pigeons, ducks, and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Do not litter.

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly.

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

CONTACT INFORMATION - For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or contact the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program at (609) 633-7021.

Additional information is also available at the US Environmental Protection Agency websites: www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.ep.gov/nps.

STORMWATER MANDATE - Stormwater management is a government mandate to control the runoff of water from rain or snow. These mandates were initially enacted by Congress as part of the Clean Water Act and are in place nationally. Everyone relies on clear water for many of life's needs. As part of this mandate, the Township is providing this useful information.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPRING 2008

The Teaneck Recreation Department is proud to share with the community the lineup of fun filled activities, expanded services, important dates to save as well as our registration procedure. We are constantly re-evaluating and keeping a pulse on the request and enticed of the community.

Program Information:

Children and Adult Programs (Ages 18-54):

Children Classes Include: Arts & Crafts, Drama, Junior Bowling, Karate, Kindercraft, Kindergym, Instructional Chess, Tennis lessons, Toddlekings, Pottery and also dance classes such as: Creative Dance, Creative Movement, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tap and Master Ballet.

All Youth Division Programs are State licensed. After School Program (Grade K-8th Teaneck residents only) has an open enrollment for School Year 2008-2009. Children who attend must be bus eligible or able to provide their own transportation. The hours of operation are from school dismissal to 6:00 pm. Highlights of the After School Program include homework assistance, recreational activities, arts and crafts, creative movement activities, Pizza Thursday and outing in Votee Park. Some of our famous special events include: Anti-Bullying week, Etiquette Day, Guinness Book of Records, Talent Shows, International Feast, Pin Wheels for Peace, Dictionary Day and Book Exchanges. Applications are available for School Year 2008.

Sunshine Garden Learning Center will begin a new exciting school year on September 8, 2008. Applications are available at the Recreation Department. Mail in registration has started, first come first serve basis only. The Learning Center provides a safe, educational and fun experience for Teaneck children ages of 3 - 4 years. Hours of operation 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, with After Care available until 6:00 pm. The goal of the Learning Center is to promote learning by discovery with interesting, fun age appropriate activities using the Montessori based method.

Mark your Calendar with these important Summer Events:

Camp Sunsational Phase 1 & 2 is a three 2 week session that offers a variety of activities including arts & crafts, board games, park and playground and field trips per session. Phase I Ages 3 to 4 and Phase II Grades K-3. Camp Sunsational is a full day program from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Before and after camp care will be offered for Phase I & Phase II from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm for additional fee.

Phase I - 3 & 4 years old • Phase II - Grade K-3

Sports and Arts (Grades 4th to 9th) is a highly

organized camp which give students an opportunity to schedule their own activities for 2 week periods. These activities consist of various fine arts and sports. Sports and Arts is a full day program from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Before and After Camp Care will be offered from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 to 6:00 pm for additional fees.

Camp Registration Information:

Walk-in registration has started.

Both Camp Sunsational and Sports and Arts will start June 30th and ends August 8th.

Adult Classes Include: Salsa Aerobics w/Donay, Hatha Yoga, Pilates, Pottery, Tennis Lessons, Open Gym Basketball and Volleyball.

Our Salsa Aerobics with Donay is our newest and most popular adult program. The participants will develop, improved flexibility, coordination and generally experience a sense of well improved being.

Summer Program 2008 General Information

June 2, 2008 Mail-In Registration begins

June 16, 2008 Walk-In Registration begins

June 30, 2008 Summer Programs starts for 6 week session

Adult Programs 55 and Up:

The Teaneck Senior Services Center offers an array of year round exercise and educational programs and services for active adults. AARP volunteers who are IRS Certified and a CPA are available for free Income Tax Return Assistance by appointment only on Mondays or Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Classes Include: Ballroom & Latin Dancing, Folk Dancing, Middle Eastern Dancing, Tap Dancing, Exercise classes for all levels i.e. Lite & Gentle, Low Impact, Men's Fitness, Osteoporosis, Pump the Prime, Tai Chi Chuan, Toning & Strengthening, Water, Yoga, Stretch, Pilates, Bridge Instructions, Wood Carving, Watercolor Painting, Pottery, Clay Sculpting, Drawing & Social Recreation activities.

Transportation:

Free transportation available for Seniors and Disabled Residents on Wednesdays and Thursdays for food shopping and for medical appointments in Teaneck, Hackensack and Englewood five days a week.

A trip to the mall is offered on the fifth Wednesday or Thursday of the month.

Please call us at (201) 837-7130 ext. 1 for any other information.

A NOTE FROM YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Change a light, change the world - changing just 5 standard light bulbs to compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). Bearing the energy star rating would save most households about \$60 per year in electricity. If every household in the USA did so, the total reduction in emissions would be the equivalent of taking 8 million cars off the road. For more on this go to <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/misc/residential/change-light-2007>.

ANIMAL CONTROL CODE REVISITED

In a suburban community such as Teaneck, it is imperative that all pet owners observe the Township Animal Control code. This particular section of the Township code protects all residents, their pets, private and public property and the environment through the following:

- ❖ All dogs must be licensed annually. Licenses expire on December 31 and can be renewed without penalty during the months of January and February. The license fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$10.00 and is \$13.00 for non-spayed or non-neutered. A fifteen (\$15) dollar late fee is assessed beginning in March. A license will indicate that your pet has a current rabies immunization and can also help you locate your pet should it become lost or run away. Cat licenses expire on March 30 and can be renewed without penalty during the months of April and May.
- ❖ All dogs and cats must be covered by a current Rabies immunization. According to state guidelines, Rabies shots that expire prior to November 1 are **not** considered current for licensing purposes.
- ❖ Dogs are **not** permitted to run at large. When off the owners property, dogs must be securely leashed at all times. When out in your yard, dogs must be secured by adequate chaining or fencing.
- ❖ Residents who continually feed stray cats are considered to be their owners/keepers. Please do not allow your cat to create a nuisance or destroy/deface the properties of those in your neighborhood.
- ❖ Excessive noise and barking by dogs is prohibited. Be considerate of your neighbors. Keep your dog inside the house at night or when you are not at home.
- ❖ Parks and playground regulations do not permit domestic animals to be walked or let loose in the parks, except in Teaneck's new "Dog Friendly Park" which is located in Windsor Park, across from 1666 Windsor Road.
- ❖ "Pooper Scoopers" must be carried and used by dog walkers. The portion of the street lying between the curb lines is the proper place to "Curb your Dog"! Dog waste must never be deposited in storm drains as they lead to streams, rivers or other bodies of water.
- ❖ For a voucher for a free Rabies shot from the participating Teaneck Veterinarians or if you need information on dog regulations please call the Teaneck Health Department at 201-837-4824.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Library again urges everyone to register their e-mail account with the Library. Why?

1. You will receive an email every 7 to 10 days regarding events and new services at the Library. Children's events, concerts, films, new acquisitions, etc.
2. You will receive advance warning that items you have borrowed are coming due so you can avoid late fees.
3. You can help save tax dollars and receive faster service by getting an e-mail notice when items you have reserved are ready to be picked up.
4. You will get advance notice when your library card is about to expire (every three years).
5. You will receive an e-mail notice of any emergency closures of the Library due to inclement weather, or, we hope, construction activities.

Please, please, register our e-mail with the Library.

Wikipedia and the Library

There is no doubt that Wikipedia is an internet phenomenon. Often, it can be a quick fact checker for the curious. However, as a source of information, one should be skeptical about all the information it provides. With your library card, you have access, through the sites: www.bccls.org and www.jerseyclicks.org, to a wealth of valuable information sources that have been reviewed by professionals. Thousands of periodicals, both popular and specialized, reference databases, and more are available to you by merely inputting your library card number. And, they are open 24/7.

Local Organizations

The Library web site (www.teaneck.org) carries listings for all local non-profit, education, and religious organizations with contact information so you can follow-up. If you are affiliated with such a group, please check your listing on the library's web page and let us know if it needs to be updated.

Sewer Tips

The residential and Township sanitary sewer systems are designed for human waste **ONLY**. This **does not include** sump pump flows, diapers, paper towels, cooking oils and grease, etc. Disposal of non-human waste may back-up yours to the Township's sewage system.

Patriotic Observances Planned

The Flag Day ceremony will be held on June 14th at 6:45 pm. The event will be hosted by the Post 128 of the American Legion and held at the organization's headquarters on American Legion Drive. The ceremony honors the American flag and includes the national recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. Refreshments and entertainment will follow the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

The Board is also planning the Fourth of July parade and is seeking the participation of community organizations. The parade is held the morning of the Fourth at 9:30 am. The line of march is north on Queen Anne Road from DeGraw Avenue to Milton Votey Park. Organizations wishing to be part of the parade should contact either the Board Chairman, or the Township Clerk at the numbers shown below.

The Patriotic Observance Advisory Board is appointed

annually by the Township Council and has overall responsibility for coordinating the Memorial Day, Flag Day, 9/11 and Veterans Day ceremonies as well as for organizing the annual Fourth of July parade. In addition, the Board makes recommendations to the Township Council on other matters of a patriotic nature, such as the placing of names on the memorial on the Township Green, as well as its maintenance. The Board's membership includes representatives from various civic and veterans' organizations and representatives from the community at large.

Residents of our community are encouraged to participate in the events and ceremonies and to contact the Board with any contributions, concerns or comments of a patriotic nature you may have. You may contact the Chairman, Louis J. Tibolo at (201) 692-1152, or contact the Township Clerk at (201) 837-1600 for information.

Shade Trees

Everyone enjoys walking along a tree lined street. Trees create feeling of relaxation and well-being. They lower air temperature, and reduce glare on sunny days. Studies show that people linger and shop along tree-lined streets.

Trees also offer environmental benefits to our Township. Trees absorb harmful gases such as carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, and in return give off oxygen. They also reduce erosion and storm-water run off by absorbing and dispersing rain water through leaf and root systems, thereby reducing the chances of storm related flooding. A single tree can absorb up to 30 percent of the rain that falls over its canopy!

But, did you know that trees also provide considerable economic benefits? The Center for Urban Forest Research reports that a tree planted on the west side of a home should result in a 3 percent reduction in an energy bill in five years. In 15 years the savings grow to nearly 12 percent. The USDA Forest Service advises that trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent and can save 20 - 50 percent in energy used for heating. At the same time they provide cost saving benefits, trees also increase property values as they mature.

The Teaneck Department of Public Works supports the Township treescape by planting new trees. The Shade Tree Advisory Board is currently in the process of identifying locations for future plantings. If your property is selected as a proposed location you will receive a letter requesting a response confirming your acceptance to receive a township sponsored planting. If your property is not selected but you would still like to be considered for the addition of a new shade tree,

please contact the DPW at (201) 837-4842. If you would like more information on how to best care for the trees on your property visit <http://www.arbor-day.org>.

File a Tax Return to Claim the Benefits You Earned!

The **Earned Income Credit (EIC)** and the **Child Tax Credit (CTC)** are federal tax benefits for low and moderate income workers. Single or married people who worked full-time or part-time at some point in 2007 can qualify for **EIC**, depending on their income. Workers raising children who earned less than about \$38,000 in 2007 may be eligible for the **EIC**. Workers not raising children who earned less than about \$13,000 also can qualify. In addition to the **EIC**, some families also can get the **CTC**, which can be worth up to \$1,000 per child. The credits can reduce the amount of income taxes workers owe but even workers who owe no taxes can qualify for credits. To claim the credits, eligible workers must file a tax return. That's why it's so important for low-income tax filers to know there is a **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**. This IRS sponsored program works with community organizations to provide high quality tax preparation to low-income tax filers - free of charge!

Additional information and resources on **EITC** can also be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service website (www.irs.gov). For more information about the federal **EITC** call **1-800-829-1040**. For information about the state **EICT** call **1-888-895-9179** or go to www.njtaxation.org. Call the **IRS** at **1-800-829-1040** to find the nearest **VITA** location and its days and hours of operation.

TEANECK SERVICE DIRECTORY

201 AREA CODE

Ambulance Corps837-2600	Detective Bureau837-2565
To Report a Medical Emergency . . .911	Police Information837-2600
Animal Control Service - Weekdays837-4824	Police Records/Traffic837-2551
Evenings and Weekends837-2600	Youth Bureau833-0495
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Recycling and Garden Debris Containers – Please be reminded of the container requirements for commingled recyclables and garden debris pick-up. Containers are to be no larger than 32 gallons, must have handles and are not to weigh more than 50 pounds. Please refer to the 2008 recycling schedule for additional information.



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